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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, January 06, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City Hall at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Kevin Wombles. Alderperson Wilson was absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the December 16, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall, Tom Reinhardt, and Keisha Morris met with residents who are requesting that City Water lines be installed to their residences.

The annual Holiday party will be held on January 17, 2026 at 6pm at the Moose Lodge.

Mayor met with a potential investor that has interest in the old mill property. A proposal should be submitted by February.

We have been working with MECO Engineering on a temporary construction easement for two residents and the school district for the Safe Routes to School grant.

Mr. David Awbrey has donated two paintings to be displayed in the City Hall Annex.

We have been searching for new Council Chambers furniture.

No Public Comments

Alderperson White advised that the Finance Committee met briefly, general discussion was held. She asked that a Finance Committee be scheduled for January 20 at 4:45 for budget review.

Alderperson Ritchart stated that the utilities committee met today and learned that a sewer back up occurred at the Industrial Park due to an influx of wood chips. Bradshaw's Pumping has assisted and the issues have been identified, everything should be up and running tomorrow. Also, the new meter system infrastructure should be installed in the next month. Half of the meters have been ordered.

Alderperson Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met today. There will be a special brush pick up tomorrow, January 7. Street patching scheduled for this month has been postponed due to cold temperatures. Tom Reinhardt informed the committee that it will be

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necessary to replace the bucket truck soon due to its age it is difficult to have our current truck certified.

Aldersperson Ritchart stated the Zoning Committee met tonight to review the current Special Use Permit issued to Charles and Denise Booth to plant grass and or hay as a cover crop on Lowry Street. Mr. Booth has expressed interest in planting beans for one year for soil rotation. The committee is now inclined to approve any changes, however Mr. Booth can file a petition and a public hearing can be held to review the request.

Aldersperson White moved to approve the proposal from Hometown Consulting to renew the contract for one year at a rate of \$35,000.00 year.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to accept the proposal from MECO Engineering to replace approximately 1760 feet of Water Main on West Washington and to direct Attorney Morris to prepared and Agreement with Walmart regarding cost sharing of the project.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to accept the Cleaning Service bid from Peyton Wade for cleaning City Hall, City Hall expansion, and the Police Department, in the amount of \$ 500.00 per month.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to accept the bid from Damon Properties in the amount of \$5,000 for the property located at 625 N Jackson Street.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

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The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to accept the bid from CAN Home Services in the amount of \$500.00 for the property located at 427 N Mississippi Street.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to table the approval of the property bid for the Zoe Theater.

Aldersperson Wombles seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Lennon, Wombles (2)
	Nay:	Little, Ritchart, White, Grimsley, Ketchum (5)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion failed.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to o accept the bid from Steve Martin in the amount of \$1.00 for property commonly known as the Zoe Theater.

Aldersperson Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to enter into closed session at 6:58 pm to discuss personnel.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to enter into open session at 7:18 pm

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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Aldersperson Lennon moved to approve the offer of Full-Time employment as a Police Officer to Zach Tulley with an effective date of February 5, 2026.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Starman stated that the new K-9 has been purchased, and Officer Moore started training yesterday and should be complete in three weeks. Additionally, he requested that supervisors complete employee evaluations, and all evaluations were excellent.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:23 p.m.
